

INFORMATION NOTE

Workshop on financing options for the full implementation of results-based actions relating to REDD-plus, including modalities and procedures for financing these results-based actions

Mandate and background

1. The Conference of the Parties (COP), in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 77, requested the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention (AWG-LCA) to explore financing options for the full implementation of the results-based actions referred to in paragraph 73 of the same decision, and to report on progress made, including any recommendations for draft decisions on this matter, to the COP at its seventeenth session. The AWG-LCA, at its fourteenth session, parts 1–4, in 2011, considered this request by the COP. The outcome of this consideration is reflected in decision 2/CP.17, paragraphs 63–73.
2. In decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 69, the COP invited Parties and admitted observer organizations¹ to submit to the secretariat their views on modalities and procedures for financing results-based actions and considering activities related to decision 1/CP.16, paragraphs 68–70 and 72. The views of Parties are contained in documents FCCC/AWGLCA/2012/MISC.3 and Add.1–3, and were considered by the AWG-LCA at its fifteenth session. The COP, in the same decision, paragraph 71, also requested the secretariat to prepare a technical paper, based on these submissions of Parties and admitted observer organizations (FCCC/TP/2012/3).
3. The COP further requested the secretariat to organize, subject to the availability of supplementary resources, a workshop taking into account the submissions by Parties and admitted observer organizations, the technical paper and the conclusions on this matter by the AWG-LCA at its fifteenth session,² before the forthcoming session of the AWG-LCA to be held in conjunction with the eighteenth session of the COP.

General objectives and proposed approach to the workshop

4. The workshop is expected to allow Parties:
 - (a). To discuss in-depth the issues and challenges relating to financing for REDD-plus, in particular to financing the full implementation of results-based REDD-plus actions, and the different financing options available;
 - (b). To discuss in detail the key elements that need to be considered and/or elaborated in the development of modalities and procedures for financing the full implementation of results-based REDD-plus actions;

¹ Submissions from intergovernmental organizations are available on the UNFCCC website at <<http://unfccc.int/3714>>. Submissions from non-governmental organizations are available on the UNFCCC website at <<http://unfccc.int/3689>>.

² The oral report on this agenda item made to the Contact Group of the AWG-LCA at its fifteenth session in May 2012 can be found on the UNFCCC website at <<http://unfccc.int/6646>>.

- (c). To consider proposals, such as on governance arrangements, and alternative or new approaches to financing REDD-plus actions;
 - (d). To have a rich interactive exchange of views and to share ideas, experiences and lessons learned on the relevant issues relating to financing for the full implementation of REDD-plus actions.
5. The technical paper referred to above will serve as a substantive input to the discussions at the workshop.
 6. The outcomes of the workshop are expected to facilitate and advance the consideration of issues as well as identify the key elements relating to modalities and procedures for financing full implementation of results-based REDD-plus actions.
 7. The workshop is open to all Parties and admitted observer organizations at the informal additional session in Bangkok.
 8. All Parties are invited to engage in, and contribute to, an interactive exchange of views and the sharing of experiences and lessons learned at the workshop. Admitted observer organizations may be invited, if time permits, to contribute to the discussions. The working language of the workshop will be English.

Organization of work

9. The agenda of the workshop will be structured around the issues and proposals highlighted in Parties' submissions and in the technical paper. It will also take into account the views of Parties expressed during the AWG-LCA15 session.
10. After a brief opening and an overview of the issues, the workshop will be organized in two main sessions. One of these main sessions will have technical presentations by Parties covering specific proposals for financing the full implementation of results-based REDD-plus actions and elements that could be considered in the development of modalities and procedures. The other session will allow Parties to have focused, in-depth discussions on several thematic areas, identified from the issues raised by Parties during the AWG-LCA session in May and in Parties' submissions. The discussion of each thematic area will be guided by a set of specific questions, building upon the technical presentations and the elements identified in the submissions by Parties and the technical paper.
11. A workshop summary will be prepared by the chair of the workshop, with the support of the secretariat. A workshop report will be prepared for the consideration of the AWG-LCA session to be held in conjunction with the eighteenth session of the COP.³
12. An agenda will be made available on the UNFCCC website before the workshop.

Date and venue

13. The workshop will take place on Thursday, 30 August 2012, during the informal additional session of the Ad Hoc Working Groups to be held in United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC) of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), in Bangkok, Thailand.

³ Decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 73

14. The exact venue in the UNCC will be announced in due course.